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In brief

2005 decals expired

The 325th Security Forces Pass & Registration section reminds Tyndall to check the expiration date of all personally-owned vehicles. Decals expiring in 2005 will no longer be granted base access effective Tuesday. All vehicles with affixed "05" stickers will be denied entry and directed to Pass & Registration to obtain a valid decal. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Eric Schell at 283-4191.

Casino Night 2006

The 325th Maintenance Group and the 325th Services Squadron are presenting Casino Night 2006 from 4-10 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Tyndall Officer's Club. This is a club-memberonly event. The cost is \$8.50 per member. For more information, call 283-4357.

MLK service at Tyndall

Tyndall's Chapel Two is hosting the annual Martin Luther King Jr. service at 11 a.m. today. For more information, call the Chapel at 283-2925.

What's inside



Following rules key to motorcycle safety ... PAGE 15



Challenging situation

Staff Sgt. Ryan Ahern, 325th Security Forces Squadron, challenges Staff Sgt. Michael Brewer, acting as an unauthorized individual in proximity to the Tyndall flight line. Maintaining a highly-vigilant base defense network to protect assigned aerospace weapon systems remains one of the paramount core functions of the security forces career field. For more on security forces, see Pages 10-11.

Medals approved for hurricane relief work

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Servicemembers and civilians who took part in Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief efforts may be eligible for a medal.

The director of the Joint Staff has approved awarding the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Armed Forces Service Medal for U.S. military personnel. Department of Defense civilians may receive the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal.

To qualify for the HSM, servicemembers must have provided direct support to immediate relief operations for at least one day in the area of eligibility – east of and including Houston (designated as 96 degrees longitude), Alabama, Louisiana or Mississippi – from Aug. 29 to Oct. 13, 2005.

Servicemembers eligible to receive the AFSM

must have provided direct support to relief operations for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days in the continental United States from Aug. 27, 2005, to Feb. 27, 2006 – minus the specific area and time-period used to qualify for the HSM.

If a member receives an HSM for Katrina relief operations, he or she cannot receive a second HSM for Rita. The same applies for the AFSM. However, people who receive the HSM may later qualify for the AFSM if their direct support does not include the dates and actions used in their qualifications for the HSM.

To qualify for the AFCSM, civilians must have provided direct support to relief operations for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days in the same area of eligibility and period as the AFSM.

Eligible Air Force personnel must provide proof of entitlement to their servicing military personnel flight or civilian personnel office. Supporting documentation may consist of assignment orders, temporary duty orders or travel vouchers, a decoration citation, an enlisted or officer performance report reflecting participation or other official documentation that verifies participation.

Any colonel in a command billet or civilian equivalent can approve the awarding of these medals if supporting documentation is not available

Once verified, the servicing military or civilian personnel flight will update individual records. For more information, call the Military Personnel Flight at 283-2276, or the Civilian Personnel Flight at 283-3203.

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2nd Lt. Amanda Ferrell

Walk this way

Lt. Col. Don Arias and Master Sgt. Ramona Burnett of the 1st Air Force command staff cross the street on their way to the Health and Wellness Center. Effective immediately, drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians waiting to cross at crosswalks or failing to stop if the pedestrian is not completely out of a crosswalk will have their on-base driving privileges suspended for 14 days.

Identify this...



Can you identify this object? If so, send an e-mail to editor@tyndall.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject line. Three correct entries will be chosen at random and drawn from a hat to select the final winner. The prize can be claimed at the Public Affairs office.

The winner for the Jan. 6 "Identify This" is Darlene Owens. She correctly guessed that it was the radar dome near the 325th Air Control Squadron. Congratulations, Ms. Owens. Come claim your prize!

ON THE **STREET**

325th Civil Engineer Squadron focus: What is the best part about your job?



"I enjoy working with awesome civil engineer troops and seeing our projects improving Tyndall."

1ST LT. JENNIFER DAVENPORT
Operations flight civil engineer



"The best part is the ability to serve and protect the public."

TECH. SGT. JASON RUDY



"The best thing is the interaction I have with every agency on base, especially when it comes to natural disasters."

MARTY SPIKES
Readiness flight chief



"The best part of my job is blowing stuff up, of course."

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JARED HESS Explosive Ordnance Disposal

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Commentary

View from the top: Looking back, looking forward

GEN. WILLIAM R. LOONEY III

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE. Texas (AETCNS) - By any measure, 2005 was a memorable year ... a year marked by unprecedented disasters, excruciating sacrifices, and dramatic aspirations for peace, freedom and dignity.

The world mourned the passing of prominent figures such as Pope John Paul II. Rosa Parks and Simon Wiesenthal. Among the honored American dead in the Global War on Terrorism, we laid to rest one of our own, Airman First Class Elizabeth N. Jacobson.

Reminding us of the need to remain vigilant in the GWOT, in 2005, the forces of violent extremism struck again – in London and then in Jordan. In addition to this man-made scourge, we witnessed natural disasters that defied imagination, from the horrible destruction wrought by the Asian tsunami and South Asian earthquake to the painful images of our own people suffering in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

In the midst of these gut-wrenching tragedies, we were privileged as Airmen to join

countless others in saving lives, providing comfort and offering hope. Other stories of heroism shone brightly throughout the turbulent year.

As a result of their Orange Revolution, the people of Ukraine won a victory for democratic principles and the rule of law. The crew of the Space Shuttle Discovery returned to space. And in just a single year, the people of Iraq elected a Transitional National Assembly, ratified a constitution and elected their first permanent government since the toppling of Saddam Hussein. Likewise, the people of Afghanistan inaugurated their first elected parliament in more than three decades.

Of course, we can't forget the brave American servicemen and women who made these monumental events possible.

As it was with the rest of the world, 2005 was a landmark year for the First Command. We faced a number of challenges and achieved tremendous success as we fulfilled our mission to develop America's Airmen today for tomorrow. Our recruiters nimbly shifted operations to help the Air Force meet our congressionally mandated end-strength, bringing on 20,000 new enlisted and officer personnel in the process.

In addition to graduating nearly 22,000 enlisted members, we initiated a profound shift in the way we conduct Basic Military Training. BMT resequenced its schedule to mirror the AEF cycle and provide more readiness and combat skills training to our new enlisted Airmen.

Executing the Air Force's largest flying program, 19th Air Force organizations flew nearly 560,000 hours to graduate more than 20,000 aircrew members. We've nearly completed our seamless conversion to the T-6A and the T-38C, and the First Command made it possible for Air Combat Command to declare initial operational capability for the F-22A Raptor.

In the arena of initial and advanced skills training, 2nd Air Force and our technical training units graduated nearly 190,000 students.

Finally, Air University provided military, continuing and academic education to 179,000 graduates via residence and distance learning programs.

Bottom line, the First Command recruited, trained and educated 432,000 Airmen last year.

Just for some perspective, think of everyone who attended this year's Rose Bowl—then quadruple that number. That's how many Airmen we developed for our Air Force and the joint warfighter in 2005. We did it while deploying 3,822 AETC Airmen to fight the GWOT. We did it while responding to and recovering from the worst natural disaster in the history of our country.

Looking back, I'm amazed by what we've accomplished. Looking forward, I'm more optimistic than ever. The First Command has a strong strategy for the future. We're going to continue to develop America's Airmen by delivering a highly qualified, expeditionary focused force, by quickly responding to the needs of gaining commanders and by championing the Air Force story.

We'll concentrate our talent, energy and resources through programs and initiatives that deliver measurable payback in recruiting, training and educating our force. And we'll continue to strengthen our foundation—our people. By developing and supporting our people, we'll not only accomplish our mission, we'll make AETC the Air Force's "command of choice."

Command chief retires, says goodbye to Tyndall

CHIEF MASTER SGT. RICK CARGILL

325th Fighter Wing command chief

Having the opportunity to be the 325th Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant has been the absolute highlight of my career. As I retire today, I'd like to take a moment to thank the entire Tyndall community for allowing me the honor to serve as your senior enlisted advisor. If I could, I'd thank each and every one of you in person for making this a sometimes tough, but always exciting experience.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank the wing leadership, Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, Col. Brian Dickerson and all the group commanders for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading our outstanding enlisted force. Squadron commanders, chiefs and first sergeants have the toughest jobs in the Air Force and our leaders here are top-notch! Their support has been endless and it has been a pleasure working with each one. I know the new command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Craig Deatherage, can count on the same outstanding support as he assumes his duties here.

Our training mission is successful because of the hard work of all officers, civilians, contractors and Airmen. Take pride in your accomplishments that

have resulted in "Excellent" ratings from not one, but two consecutive AETC Operational Readiness Inspections. In addition, you've earned praise numerous times by winning individual and unit awards in many categories at both command and Air Force levels. The 325th FW "Checkertail Clan" certainly has a lot to be proud of, and I'm honored to have been a part of your team.

No military wing is truly complete without the involvement of associate units. Each tenant unit here

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The Action Line is your direct line to me. It you are unable to resolve the problem, call me is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a re-

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you're not satisfied with the response or

at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General's Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are more phone numbers that help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

-4191
-7515
-2739

/IPF	283-2276
SFS Desk Sgt.	283-2254
Services	283-2501
.egal	283-4681
lousing	283-2036
CDC	283-4747
Ving Safety	283-4231
Area Defense Counsel	283-2911
inance	283-4117
Civil Engineer	283-4949
Civilian Personnel	283-3203
Base Information	283-1113

Thank you for helping me improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.

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MSG chief bids Tyndall farewell

CHIEF MASTER SGT. WILLIAM SOUTHALL
325th Mission Support Group

As the season quickly passes that celebrates the birth of my Lord Jesus, I'm reminded once again of the many blessings Tyndall has enjoyed over the years. During these final workdays as an active duty Airman, I write this letter to simply thank each one of you for your contribution to the successes of Team Tyndall and to wish you all the very best in the coming years.

We have so much to be thankful for. We have a very good flying and safe working environment record. We've met every challenge put before us in style and high fashion.

Most importantly, we've provided Combat Air Force units with the best trained air-dominance fighter pilots in the world, a fact proven over and over during combat operations.

As guardians of our nation's security, we've stayed focused on what's important—providing reliable aircraft in a safe environment to meet mission requirements. This is an easy statement to write; but as you all know, one much harder to do. Our secret to success can be seen throughout the base. It is the contributions each of us make to the mission.

There is no better example of teamwork than what's demonstrated by this wing. Each of us has a role to play. When one of us fails to perform, the others pay the price and the team suffers. What makes us different from others is that we recognize that fact.

Another thing that makes us better is that we practice fundamentals and get down to basics. This can be seen in so many areas.

We empower our folks to do their job, hold them accountable when they don't and require strict compliance with safety directives. We put our best people in key leadership positions, fix processes rather than symptoms, ensure integrity in reporting and stay focused

on the custom er. These were just a few of the things we've done to make a difference at Tyndall.

Over the next several m on ths, many personnel in key leadership positions will change due to PCSs,



Chief Master Sgt. William Southall is the 325th Mission Support Group superintendent.

promotions and time in positions. Of course, as these positions are filled, the ripple effect takes place and movement occurs all the way down the chain. Though inevitable, this is not necessarily bad. With change comes new and fresh ideas and a better way of doing business. It is time to rethink how we do business with an eye towards improvement.

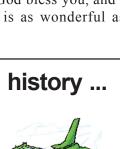
Use it to provide an opportunity to learn. Take full advantage of these opportunities, stay focused on the basics and continue to improve your processes.

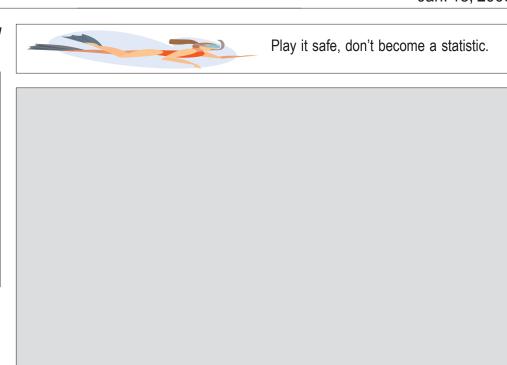
As the outgoing 325th Mission Support Group superintendent, I wish to welcome Chief Master Sgt. Sharrell Callaway to the position and thank each of you for your professionalism, dedicated support and commitment to our mission. Without a doubt, this has been the best assignment in my 30 years as an Air Force Warrior. The job satisfaction, ability to affect the mission and the commitment demonstrated by such a professional corps of officers and enlisted men and women is worth far more than what any job in civilian life could offer.

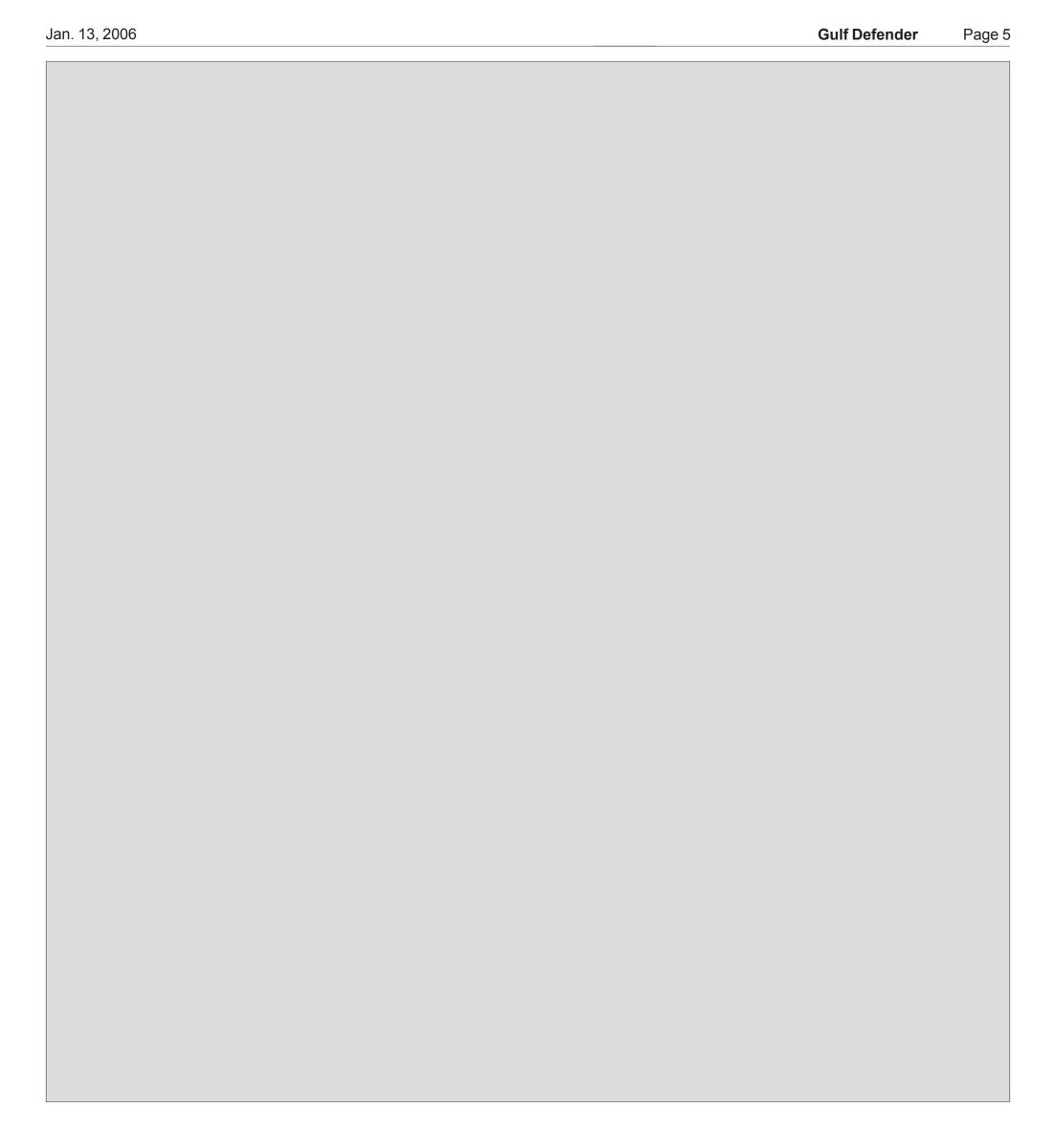
Please accept my heartfelt thanks for a job well done. God bless you, and I hope your career is as wonderful as mine has been.



Jan. 13, 1948 - Tyndall Field officially becomes Tyndall Air Force Base.







Joint Chiefs examine combat tour lengths

JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Joint Chiefs of Staff continue examining how long servicemembers should serve in Iraq, but for now they are satisfied the tour lengths are about right, Marine Gen. Peter Pace said.

General Pace, who was flying back after leading a weeklong United Service Organization trip to the U.S. Central Command area of operations, said Jan. 3 the service chiefs have examined the policy carefully over the past two years.

Iraq tour lengths are different among the services. Airmen generally deploy for four months. Marines and Sailors serve about seven

months. Soldiers generally spend a year with "boots on the ground."

General Pace said he hadn't heard complaints about tour lengths from the troops, but has been told of concerns. force, and how best then to assure that they get the most out of the people they have," the general said.

For example, the Marine Corps is tied to Navy ship deployments and that drives their six- or seven-month deployment.

"When the Marines do the math, they figure they can

get the most out of Pfc. Pace in sixor seven-month deployments inside a normal four-year commitment," General Pace said.

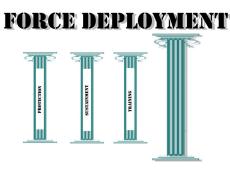
For the Army, with brigade rotations and the heavy commitment of reserve component forces, officials deemed a year was the proper length of service.

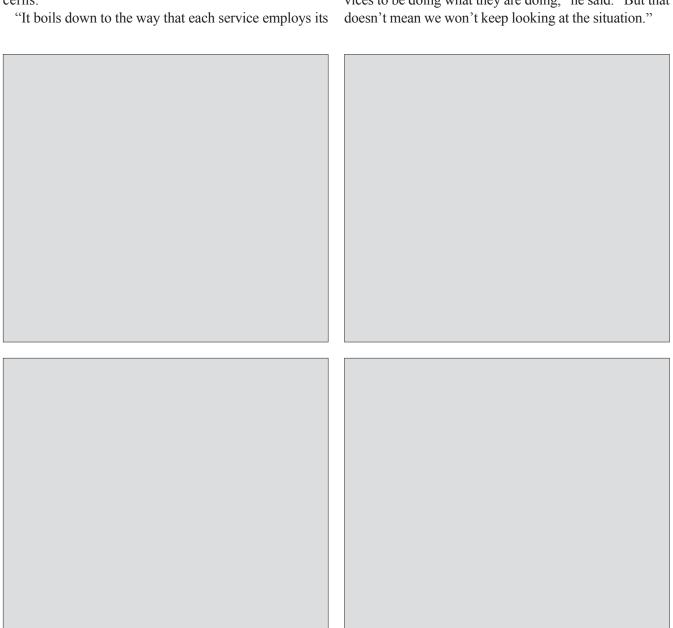
"The Air Force works with a lot of guardsmen and reservists blended into their units," the general said. "So as

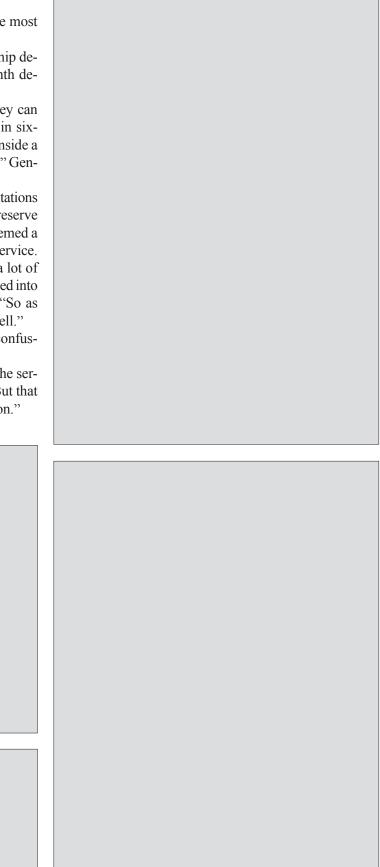
they look at it, a four-month rotation works very well."

General Pace said the differing tour lengths are confusing and frustrating to those on the ground.

"But in Washington, it makes sense for each of the services to be doing what they are doing," he said. "But that doesn't mean we won't keep looking at the situation."







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Three STEP

Tech. Sgt. Julia Farmer, 2nd Fighter Squadron, is congratulated by Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, for receiving a promotion to technical sergeant through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program. Tech. Sgt. Steven Smith, left, 325th Mission Support Squadron, Master Sgt. Norman Shaw, center, 325th Maintenance Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Skaggs, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, were also STEP promoted by the general.

Congratulations to Tyndall's newest senior airmen Below-the-Zone recipients!

(Editor's note: The following Airmen are with the 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 325th Maintenance Squadron.)

James Fleming, 325th AMXS

Jason Grim, 325th AMXS

John Hahn, 325th MXS

Matthew Kramer, 325th AMXS

Michael Lesley, 325th AMXS

Michael Mattice, 325th AMXS

Michael Pointer, 325th AMXS

Christopher Schumacher, 325th MXS

Michelle Tapia, 325th MXS

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Golden Bolt Award



[CONSTRUCTION]

Phase II of construction at the Sabre Gate is underway. This portion of work will last approximately four months. This phase of construction will allow for only outbound traffic flow through the Sabre Gate. Inbound access for military family housing residents and Youth Center, Golf Course and Marina Club employees will be through School Road Gate.

All inbound traffic through School Road Gate will be required to turn right onto DeJarnette Road, and all outbound traffic on Sabre Drive will not be permitted to turn right on DeJarnette Road. All other inbound traffic should use the main gate at Illinois Avenue.

Checkertail Salute

Senior Airman David Cook



isa Norman

Airman Cook receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Cook, 1st Fighter Squadron. Airman Cook was selected as the 1st FS Airman of the Year for 2004 and 2005. He developed the squadron's Web page, and he also housed a seven-person family during the Hurricane Katrina evacuation.

Duty title: Aviation resource management

Time on station: Five years **Time in service:** Six years

Hometown: The Republic of Panama **Hobbies:** Surfing, reading, working on

cars and snow boarding **Favorite movie:** "Sin City"

Favorite book: "The DaVinci Code" **Favorite thing about Tyndall:** The weather and beaches remind me of home

Pet peeves: Slow drivers in the left lane **Goals:** Finish my bachelor's degree in

entamology

Proudest moment in the military: Being assigned to the 1st Fighter Squadron

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

The Gulf Defender is published for people like Airman 1st Class Dustin Mc Croskey, 325th Security Forces Squadron.





FORCE TRAINING



Training Spotlight

What is the most fun part of the course to teach?

The most fun part is being in the simulators. We get to see the students applying everything we're teaching them."



STAFF SGT. RANDY WEBB 325th Air Control Squadron instructor

Academy improves NCO leadership skills

CHRISSY CUTTITA

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A small tenant unit here has the responsibility of taking noncommissioned officers further on their career path.

"The official mission of the NCO Academy says we prepare noncommissioned officers for positions of increased responsibility by broadening their leadership and supervisory skills, as well as expand their perspective of the military profession, but, to put it simply, we give them additional 'tools' to become better supervisors," said Master Sgt. Timothy Barnett, NCOA superintendent.

Some of those skills include communication and team building techniques, which allow the NCOs to better support national security goals, said Sergeant Barnett.

"I just started supervising again and this course will help me because I haven't supervised since I was a senior airman," said Tech. Sgt. Holly Bailey, a student here who is assigned to Offutt AFB, Neb.

This week 194 students enrolled as the first of seven classes scheduled for this year. The six-week-long course emphasizes the further development of four graduate attributes: combat leader, unit manager, military professional and managerial communicator.

"The drill and speech are important because it gives them the credibility they need as supervisors," said Sergeant Barnett. "A supervisor shouldn't expect their troops to give briefings and take part

of a retreat ceremony if they have no idea how to do those things themselves. Basically, they should realize that being a supervisor is a privilege that comes along with rank and is the best part of being a technical or master sergeant."

Inspection procedures are taught to students during the first week of training to ensure compliance with uniform wear requirements. NCOA faculty conduct three formal uniform inspections during the length of the course. Each inspection is of a different uniform: a Service Dress uniform combination and a Battle Dress Uniform.

Formal inspections are elements of the academy's Air Force culture lesson, and the overall objective is designed to strengthen the student's commitment to the profession of arms through participation in various drill and ceremony activities.

"We try to make them look at things in a different way than they always do," said Sergeant Barnett. "By having students with different Air Force Specialty Codes in the classroom, they get a new perspective on how to handle problems that are happening Air Force wide, and maybe they will realize that the way they have been dealing with things could be better."

"I expect to network, meet people and improve my writing skills with decorations and awards," said Tech. Sgt. Eric Bias, a student here assigned to the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron/Detachment 1,



Chrissy Cuttita

Tech. Sgt. Mary Van-Damme, an NCO Academy student, marches while being judged for dress and appearance, military bearing and execution of command by NCOA instructors Tech. Sgts. Melissa Ebenhoeh and Mark Rix. On the first day of NCOA, students can tryout for key drill and ceremony positions.

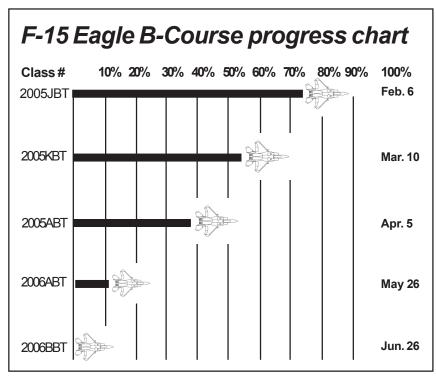
who said his first day was long and ended with assignments to do at home.

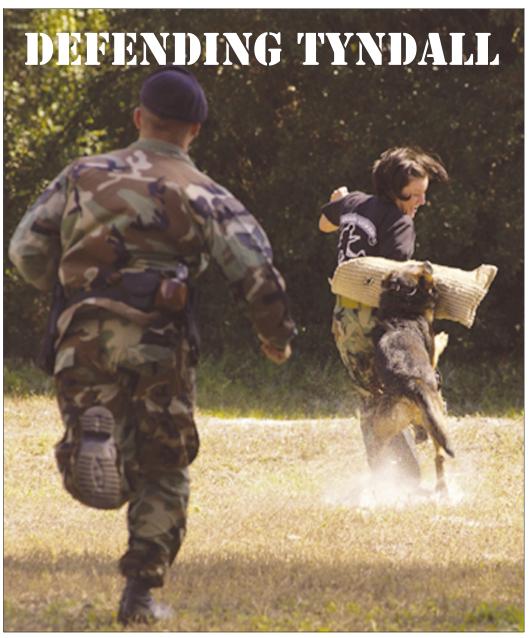
"Every class is different and challenging in it's own way, and honestly I learn as much from each class as I teach them," said Sergeant Barnett. "The best thing is when a student finally 'gets it.' They may not get it until months after graduation but they will. I have had students e-mail or call and tell me that they used the techniques we taught them and (the students) couldn't believe that they worked. For me, that's what makes it worth instructing this course."

Capping missiles

Airman 1st Class Kevin Holland, 372nd Training Squadron/ Detachment 4 mission ready airmen student, places a missile cover on an F-15 Eagle after members of his class recovered the jet on the flight line here. After graduation, he'll be assigned to Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base, Ore.







Isaac Gibson

Airman 1st Class Rachel Sarcia acts as a "criminal" to demonstrate what Tucker, a military working dog, will do to defend his handler, Staff Sgt. David Gum. Airman Sarcia said it is a rush to experience the force the dog has.

Protecting Tyndall more than guarding gate for SFS

CHRISSY CUTTITA

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

What most people entering the gate see is a professional smile from 325th Security Forces Squadron trained personnel, but what most people don't often see is the effort the squadron takes to defend this base and its Airmen.

"The 'normal' functions evident to base populace consists of securing protection level assets both assigned and visiting Tyndall, installation entry control, law enforcement activity, and emergency response," said Senior Master Sgt. Scott Buono, 325th SFS operations superintendent. "Additional operational functions consist of police services, alarm system operability, installation security, resource protection, military working dog sup-

port, pass and registration, and investigative services."

Overall, the squadron provides force protection programs for the base's 29,000 acres and 128 miles of shoreline, supporting approximately 6,700 personnel assigned to a variety of units here. They do it all while maintaining a wartime and contingency rapid deployment capability to conduct force protection operations worldwide.

"Everyday we never know what is going to happen," said Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Pastva, 325th SFS patrolman, who has been in the career field for 17 years. "We know one day in advance what is planned for that day of work, and each work day we're are posted to a different assignment with a different area of responsibility."

The Operations Flight is responsible for the day-to-day security of Air Force assets and personnel assigned, visiting and transitioning here.

According to Sergeant Pastva, a patrolman can be called to enforce traffic laws by watching traffic flow, protect aircraft on the flight line, perform patrols around base, respond to alarm activations or escort funds.

While on post, they can also be tasked to respond to emergencies or accidents and each situation requires a different response plan.

"Security forces operations ensures adequate measures are continually in place 24/7 to prevent criminal activity and respond with the appropriate level of interdiction to neutralize any detected threat," said Sergeant Buono.

The antiterrorism section provides a program to deter and detect terrorist acts against Tyndall by collecting and disseminating timely threat information, providing training to all base members on awareness and by developing comprehensive plans and programs.

"Remaining ahead of those individuals intent on causing harm to Air Force personnel and property is a very

demanding job," said Master Sgt. John Kelley, 325th SFS installation security NCO in charge. "Career field proficiency, technological enhancements and awareness of our constantly changing surroundings is the only way to ensure the 325th Fighter Wing's mission succeeds."

In addition to operational needs, the 325th SFS also provides training for their own members and the base. Any Airman who has ever had to qualify in the M-9 or M-16 military weapon here has met the squadron's training and resources flight, which is responsible for combat arms, armory functions and unit supply.

Training personnel daily on the use of M-9s and/or M-16s is keeps an instructor's day full. "(Combat Arms Training & Maintenance) is a full-time job," said Staff Sgt. Amos Parker, 325th SFS combat arms instructor. "I enjoy teaching people how to shoot and interacting with them."

The combat arms shop operates the base's firing range and conducts classroom and live weapons training for all personnel assigned to Tyndall. Government firearms and munitions used by security forces and other on-base units are stored in a security forces armory. They also host a courtesy storage of weapons and munitions for residents in the dorms and base housing.

To help organize everything the squadron does, the administration and reports flight is responsible for processing and storing all police reports and related documents. They also manage the base information security program, which includes industrial security and personnel security.

Technical guidance is provided from them for the protection of classified material, process and monitor security clearances, background investigations and fingerprinting to the Tyndall community.

Every cop starts out in an entry level position that usually includes working the gate, but as they progress in rank they are given more duties and responsibilities, said Sergeant Pastva who is preparing for an evaluation to be a flight sergeant.

"All security forces Airmen are responsible for 'normal' day-to-day security measures for Tyndall," said Sergeant Kelley. "The on-duty leadership, the personnel providing constant aircraft security and the individual standing at the gate are the first line of base defense."



Staff Sgt. Miguel Jimenez, reso Center during a security incide control functions and oversees

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Staff Sgt. Amos Parker observes and guides an M-9 training class at the range here. The daily operations tempo will continue to be high if proposed Air Force changes are approved. Future plans propose installation of base combat skills training centers where all Airmen will learn their employing role weapon and how to use it, particularly in air base defense. Top security forces leadership expect everyone in uniform to be able defend their workplace.





urce protection NCO in charge, relays time-critical information to the SF Control ent affecting a Tyndall restricted area. SFCC is the central hub for command and tactical deployment of all members.

Contractors assist security forces at Tyndall gates

CHRISSY CUTTITA

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Security forces now has additional support in protecting the base with new contracted personnel checking the identification of motorists entering Tyndall's

"This is the second base I've been at with a contract like this, and it is definitely a good thing," said Maj. Christopher Corley, 325th Security Forces commander. "It allows us to deploy, train and give our Airmen much needed time off."

Under a \$21 million contract, awarded by the 37th Contracting Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas, Akal Security will provide almost 500 armed security guards to protect 18 Air Force installations, and Tyndall is one of them, according to the Akal Web site.

Bases nationwide have been stressed with more stringent entry procedures since 9/11, so the Air Force created the contract solution.

"Service wide, security forces are only approved 302 days. about 80 percent manned," said Major Corley. "When 20 percent of that deploy, then we are left with approximately 60

power is expected to remain a problem through fiscal year 2009 and will grow in intensity."

Without the contracted asset, security forces members here said it would be tough to do all they are required to do and serve a wartime mission.

"There is something different everyday," said Melissa Jackson, an Akal contractor here, who worked for the Transportation Security Administration before guarding Tyndall's main entry point. "The training was informative, interesting and thorough."

Contracted gate guards completed 80 hours of instruction, which included Tyndall-specific information. Topics covered what identification a person needs to gain base access, conflict management and local law enforcement. Every guard has gone through a background check with Akal and the Department of Defense.

Depending on funding and legal issues, the contract may extend past its already

"Our installation is as safe as it always has been. The contractors provide an advantage because they specialize solely in percent of what we need to get the job entry control and are assigned to guard done. Deficient security forces man- the gate every day," said Major Corley.



Melissa Jackson checks identification at the main gate.

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RAO volunteers

The Retiree Activities Office is seeking a new RAO director and volunteers to assist with the various tasks associated with running the office. The RAO is an all-volunteer organization that provides assistance and information to Tyndall's retiree community on retiree-related issues. Those interested in volunteering should contact the office by email at tyndall.RAO@tyndall.af.mil or call 283-2737.

AADD volunteers

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is looking for volunteers. The hours of operations are 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Volunteers must be E-1s through E-4s. Those interested in volunteering can call 867-0220, or e-mail Airman 1st Class Brandon Krueger at brandon.krueger@tyndall.af.mil.

Flu shots for beneficiaries

The 325th Medical Group now provides flu vaccine to all eligible beneficiaries beginning Tuesday. The immunizations clinic is open 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the immunizations clinic at 283-7495.

Clinic enrollments

The Tyndall Clinic is open to new enrollments to family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics. Flight medicine enrollment consists of flyers, special operational personnel and their dependents. Tricare Prime patients enrolling with family practice, internal medicine or pediatric providers at Tyndall Clinic should report to the Tricare Service Center next to the main clinic pharmacy, or go online to www.humana-military.com. For more information, call Tricare Operations and Patient Administration at 283-7331.

AF Reserve recruiter available

An Air Force Reserve in-service recruiter is available to assist Tyndall Airmen with their career options. If enlisted Airmen or officers are interested in joining the Air Force Reserves, or would like more information about what the Reserves can offer, contact Tech. Sgt. John Bishop at 283-8384.

ANG opportunities

The 109th Airlift Wing, Scotia, N.Y., home of the LC-130 Ski-Birds, has traditional-guard vacancies in many career fields. They also have positions open through the rank of major for prior-service navigators qualified in any





Isaac Gibson

Tech. Sgt. Tina Crews, 325th Civil Law NCO in charge, assists students Staff Sgt. Eric Williams, 325th Medical Support Squadron, and Master Sqt. Christopher Rowe, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, in a class that certifies them as volunteer income tax assistants. Tax services will be available to the base starting Jan. 23. Read more about the volunteers and the base's tax services in an upcoming Gulf Defender article.

Taxing work

airframe. For more information on these positions or on Palace Chase and Palace Front, call Master Sgt. James Reeves, 109th AW recruiting office supervisor at (800) 524-5070, DSN 344-2457 or by e-mail at 109aw@recruiting.goang.com. Those interested can also go online to www.skibird.com.

AFJROTC jobs

Air Force Junior ROTC is opening 75 new units at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year. There will be 150 positions open for retired or soon-to-be retired officers and NCOs in high schools throughout the nation. For more information, call (866) 235-7682, ext. 35275 or 35300. The DSN number is 493-5275 or 5300. For a list of current openings, go to w w w . a f o a t s . a f . m i l / A F J R O T C / instructors.asp. Positions at new units will be posted by Wednesday.

Coaches needed

Varsity softball coaches are needed for the men's and women's teams. Apply with a resume at the Tyndall Fitness Center. For more information, call 283-2631.

Facility managers training

The facility managers make-up training is scheduled from 8–11:30 a.m. and noon to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the NCO Academy auditorium. This is a change from a previously scheduled date. For more information, call CE customer service at 283-4948/4949.

Military family employment specialist

A military family employment specialist will be available at the Family Support Center 8:30–11:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The em-

ployment specialist is available to assist military spouses with job placement and referral for positions in the Panama City area and to register spouses in the workforce employment system. For more information or to make an appointment, call the FSC at 283-4204.

Weinermobile to visit Commissary

The Weinermobile will visit the Commissary from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 20. For more information, call 283-4825.

Airman's Attic

Family Services and the Airman's Attic are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday–Friday in Bldg. 747. Call the Family Services office at 283-4913 for more information.

Tyndall Commissary closure

The Commissary will be closed Jan. 24 so new grocery shelving can be installed. This ensures adequate time to complete the shelving replacement process and to get products back on the shelves.

After the resetting of products, some categories or items may not be located in the same shopping aisles they are now. Aisle markers will also be updated. In order to assist with the new locations, a revised store layout will be available at the entrance to the commissary Jan. 25.

Thrift Shop hours

Normal operating hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday–Friday, with consignments from 9:30–11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 743, across from the Post Office. For more information, call 286-5888.



Catholic services

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m.
Monday–Friday, Chapel Two
Reconciliation, before Saturday
Mass or by appointment
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.,
Chapel Two
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.,
Chapel Two
Religious Education, 11 a.m.,
Bldg. 1476

Protestant services

Traditional worship service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

(For more information on other services in the local area, call the Chaplain's office at 283-2925.)

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Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

Spin me 'round

Carl Pawling practices turning his dance partner, Lisa Citino, during swing dance lessons Wednesday night at the Enlisted Club. The 325th Services Squadron is offering the dance lessons (free for club members, \$5 per couple for non-club members) to help people get ready for the upcoming Wing Swing. The Wing Swing will take place from 5-11 p.m. Feb. 25 at Hangar 5.

MOS, 2nd FS tied for lead after Wild Card weekend

PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATOR

From Seattle, baby!

What a wild Wild Card weekend!

Yeah, I only got two of my four picks correct, but I couldn't help rooting for Jacksonville. Not many people expected them to win, and as my loyal readers know, I wanted to see the New England dynasty go down in flames.

Speaking of crashes, I expected Carolina to win, and they actually crushed New York, 23-0. While Peyton Manning was resting his arm Sunday, his brother Eli had four turn-overs, including three interceptions. That's not how you get to a Super Bowl.

With the Super Bowl in mind, I'll now bring up the Pig-Prog Trophy. After this weekend's match-ups, I will narrow the competing teams down to the top six. Then, after the conference championships, I will narrow it down to the top four. They will then use their prognosticator skills to win the coveted trophy.

Now, let's look into the future: The

Pig-Prog predicts that Super Bowl XL will be a match-up between Seattle and Indianapolis. Mike Malone from the 325th MDOS half agrees, seeing the Panthers facing the Colts. Zach Gray from AFRL said he sees Indy winning the Bowl hands-down.

The picker for one of the top-placed Tyndall teams, Shannon Bancroft, agrees with my picks for the Super Bowl, but she's confident that the 2nd FS will take home the trophy.

"Of course we'll be one of the top teams competing, because we are just that good," said Bancroft.

She also wondered if the mostly-male pigskin pickers knew they were losing to a female.

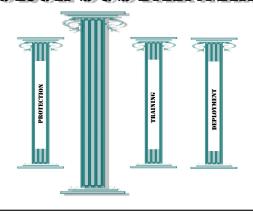
"Wouldn't everyone be shocked to know it is a female leading the picks down here," she said. "But what can I say. I have good people to confer with when I need them."

Now, let's get out there and watch some football!

Prognosticator scorebox

Team	Week 17	Total
PIG-PRO	G 2	160
2nd FS	2	163
325th MOS	4	163
325th ACS	2	162
325th CON	IS 2	160
325th SVS	1	158
325th CS	2	154
325th AMX	S 0	153
325th CES	3	151
325th MDC)S 4	151
823rd RHS	0	149
First Sgts.	2	149
53rd WEG	4	132
325th CPT	S 0	124
325th OG	0	124
325th MSS	0	122
AFRL	4	119
325th OSS	0	117
NCOA	3	112
325th MXS	0	109

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Intramural Sports Standings

Basketball							
<u>Team</u>	W	L	<u>Team</u>	W	L		
ACS	6	0	SFS	3	3		
AMXS 2	6	1	svs	2	4		
AMXS 3	5	1	COMM	3	6		
95th FS	5	1	AFRL	1	5		
MXS	4	1	83rd FWS	0	5		
AMXS 1	5	2	CES	0	6		
oss	4	3	601st EAOG	0	6		

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Tigers fall to Hawks in SEMAC action

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team, 11-5, conference and 14-7 overall, lost both contests versus the homestanding Robins AFB, Ga., Hawks in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference action Saturday and Sunday.

In Saturday's game, the lead swung back and forth until the Hawks went on a late run to take a 37-24 lead into the intermission. The game went into overtime, but the Tigers were still defeated, losing 98-90.

Sunday's game saw the Tigers suffer through one of their worst scoring droughts in recent memory as they trailed 34-26 at the intermission. In the second half, the Tigers pulled within two points, but eventually lost, 72-56.

The Tigers will travel to Moody AFB, Ga., this weekend to challenge the Knights as the two squads will battle for the conference lead. Next weekend the Tigers and Lady Tigers will host the Eagles and Lady Eagles from Eglin AFB, Fla.

(Courtesy Tyndall Tigers)

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Keeping Tyndall clean is everyone's responsibility

2ND LT. AMANDA FERRELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron grounds crew may be one of the busiest units on Tyndall. While the common areas, streets and recreational areas here are well-groomed and free of litter, it takes constant effort from grounds crew employees to contain the amount of litter produced by those who work and live on the base.

"All of the main throughways are subject to heavy littering," said Johnny Walker, grounds crew supervisor. "The gym parking lot, the BX/Pharmacy area and Heritage Park are other areas that are heavily littered."

Gen. William R. Looney III, AETC commander, will be visiting soon, so added emphasis has recently been put on the maintenance and appearance of the base.

Those working and living here are responsible for properly disposing of all garbage they produce. Individuals who litter on government installations are subject to state laws and military disciplinary action. Security forces issues fines up to \$200 in accordance with Florida law for littering, as well as written violations.

But despite the possible disciplinary actions, the problem is still persistent, Mr. Walker said. His solution is simple.

"If the base population would view Tyndall as 'their' base, I'm sure more effort would go into curbing the

litter problem," he said. "Simple things like not overstuffing trash cans or dumpsters, securing items in truck beds, removing trash from cars and not tossing empty containers from vehicle windows would make a noticeable difference in our effort to keep Tyndall beautiful and litter free."

The problems with litter are more than aesthetic. Refuse in public areas can create health issues, attract pests and become safety hazards. Poorly maintained grounds also affect the respect and pride people have in the base they call "home."

Mr. Walker said that he believes "the majority of the base population takes pride and appreciates the well maintained grounds at Tyndall. Unfortunately, it doesn't take much litter to detract from that pride."

Wing leadership acknowledges the issue and encourages Airmen to help in the effort to maintain grounds on and around the base.

"I never really thought much about litter before becoming a commander, but now it seems like I notice every cigarette butt, every gum wrapper," said Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "Most commanders feel a sense of ownership with their area of responsibility, but I want to instill that same sense of ownership with all Airmen here. I take pride in our installation, and I ask every Airman to respect the base they represent by helping to keep it clean."



2nd Lt. Amanda Ferrel

Airman 1st Class Robert Crumley of the 325th Maintenance Squadron takes a moment to toss out his trash at the service station.

Those living and working on Tyndall, whether permanently stationed or visiting temporarily, are asked to take pride in the base and in doing so, refrain from littering. For information on recycling programs call 283-2267.

FOD Finder of the Month





Janes Oilean

Senior Airman Markus Dezsi, 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, checks the stored energy system gauge on an F-22A Raptor to ensure servicing is correct. Airman Dezsi recently won the FOD Finder of the Month award. He found two four-inch long pieces of metal sitting in front of the jet parking apron on two consecutive days. Congratulations, Airman Dezsi!

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is important, and they are all enthusiastic Team Tyndall members both in work and in play. Without the help and support from these organizations and their people, Tyndall AFB would not have had the success it's enjoyed.

From the very beginning of Tyndall's existence in 1941, our civic neighbors have been solid in their support of our base and its people. Bay County, Panama City and the local communities surrounding our base have been the best community partners I've seen in my 29 years of service. On behalf of all the folks



Isaac Gibsor

Chief Master Sgt. Rick Cargill, 325th Fighter Wing command chief, retires at 1:25 p.m. today at Flag Park.

on Tyndall AFB, I thank each of you.

Today, I have the opportunity to join these community neighbors and to serve the great people of Tyndall in a different way. As Joanne and I move on, our hearts will always hold a special place for our military family, and we will be here to support you! To paraphrase our wing motto: We are Airmen, and Wingmen to all other Airmen!

Once again, thank you all.

Jan. 13, 2006 **Gulf Defender** Page 15 Following rules key to motorcycle safety Master Sgt. Mary McHale injury or death; a comparable 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs figure for automobiles is about Year-round weather conducive to 20 percent." motorcycle riding is one of the ad-They attribute this to the fact that a motorcycle affords its vantages of living in the Florida Panrider "virtually no protection in handle area. But according to safety office officials here, along with that a crash."

advantage comes responsibility, namely to be a safe rider.

"Being a safe motorcycle rider encompasses a lot of factors," said Ken Jolley, chief of ground safety. "From wearing the appropriate gear to appropriate behavior on the bike, all the factors combine and come into play."

Mr. Jolley said exceeding the posted speed limit is probably most hazardous to the motorcyclist, no matter the driving conditions.

"Riding a motorcycle is an activity that requires constant 100 percent awareness and compliance with the rules of the road," he said. "Speeding can easily lead to loss of control and an accident."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, "approximately 80 percent of reported motorcycle crashes result in

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In Florida, as in many states, all new riders are required to go through a basic beginner rider safety course that goes over some of the fundamentals, like staying out of the blind spot of motor vehicles, located to the rear right and left of the vehicle. Additionally, factors such as adapting to various driving conditions, going the assigned speed and defensive driving techniques are also topics.

In this area, there is a basic beginner three-day course offered how to react." Mr. Jolley said. in Chipley. Mr. Jolley said participants do not need to own a motorcycle as the course furnishes everything. The other course is the experienced rider's course. This course is offered on base once a month, and is for experienced riders who own a motorcycle, have a license or per-

mit and 90 days riding experience. Both courses require a person to complete an AETC Form 708, have it signed by their commander and then bring it to the safety office to get scheduled.

"Conditions that may not be significant in a motor vehicle can become very significant and dangerous to a motorcyclist, and these courses help riders learn



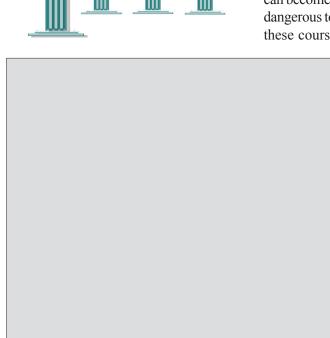
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Rider anticipation and constant situational awareness are also key.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, motorcycle riders should "anticipate what may happen more than other vehicle drivers. For example, anticipate that drivers backing their cars out of driveways may not see you, and place greater emphasis on defensive driving."

Administration officials also advise riders to "be especially alert at intersections because approximately 70 percent of motorcycle-vehicle collisions occur there."

"At Tyndall, we have a wide variety of resources to assist riders," Mr. Jolley said. "All they have to do is give us a call at 283-4231."



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Comments:

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Natural Resources plans fires for Tyndall forests



2nd Lt. Will Powell

Tech. Sgt. Sean Beasley, Tyndall firefighter, learns to create a fuel break used in controlling fires during a wildland fire training exercise recently here.

2ND LT. WILL POWELL

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tyndall Natural Resources personnel are conducting numerous prescribed burns here, and the resulting smoke and smoldering ashes are not cause for alarm, base officials said.

"We plan to burn 9,000 acres per year here, which is half of Tyndall's woodland," said Terry Walter, Natural Resources Wildland Fire Program manager. "So there's going to be a lot of smoke."

Approximately 6,700 acres of those 9,000 acres have already been burned, and more than 2,000 acres were burned over the weekend, according to Wesley Westphal, Natural Resources chief.

Prescribed burning is used by land managers throughout the country to reduce vegetation that builds up in forested areas, which provides fuel for wildfires.

Tyndall's plan targets areas high in dead and downed trees, underbrush, twigs, bark, leaves and needles.

But prescribed burning also improves the health of the ecosystem, said Mr. Walter.

"Certain vegetation and trees such as Longleaf and Slash pine trees are fire dependent," he said. "Slash pine can grow some without fire, but the Longleaf will not."

The prescribed burn plan exists yearround, but the activity increases during the cooler months of the year.

Fire can kill the trees in the summer because their nutrients are in their needles, but the trees are dormant in the winter and their nutrients are stored in their root system, which is protected from fire, said Mr. Walter.

Many fall and winter burns must also be completed first to reduce fuel-load levels. If a burn is initiated in the summer with high fuel levels, high mortality and growth loss could occur, he said.

Most acreage is ignited using a helicopter and an aerial-ignition machine, but hand ignition is required in areas close to buildings or inhabited areas.

However, safety is always their top priority, said Mr. Walter. The team reviews dozens of factors before "striking the match," and they will quickly shut down the operation if anything goes wrong.

"In addition to our own personnel and resources, we have Department of Forestry personnel and equipment on hand to ensure fires don't get away from us," Mr. Walter said. "We have plans and contingency plans for each controlled burn to ensure the safety of the base and its personnel, and we won't do anything to jeopardize their safety."

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